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Title:	CONTROL OF THE DEGRADATION OF BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTS USING A COATING		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified and enclosed patent application, please amend it as follows:

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Specification Amendments begin on page 3 and also are contained in the enclosed Marked-Up Version of the Specification.

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Claims Amendments begin on page 5.

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STATUS

This patent application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/010077, having an International Filing Date of September 7, 2004, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 103 61 940.2, filed December 24, 2003, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.